

Abstract of the Disclosure

Provided a transparent conductive layer and an image display device
employing the transparent conductive layer. The transparent conductive layer
includes a conductive layer containing a metal oxide and a protective layer formed
on the conductive layer. The protective layer contains a hydrolyzed and
polycondensated product of silicon alkoxide and at least one of mercapto compound
and its hydrolyzed and polyocndensated product.